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Seventeen protesters who said they oppose Reagan administration policies in Central America stood in the entrance to the Kalamazoo College Career Development Center this morning in an effort to disrupt a visit by a Central Intelligence Agency recruiter.

The demonstrators had said they were willing to risk arrest to let the CIA know that it is not welcome on the K-College campus, but they settled for a debate on civil disobedience after the recruiter entered the building through a side door.

K-College President Dr. David Breneman was speaking to the protesters when the recruiter made her entrance.

Breneman said the demonstration was welcome, so long as it did not result in disruption of the recruiter's activities.

"Any action short of blocking the entrance to the office is perfectly appropriate," Breneman had said earlier. The school will ensure that the recruiter, who declined to be identified, is able to keep her schedule, he said.

Organizers of today's demonstration, including members of the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) and K-College Students for Peace and Nonviolence as well as a number of students unaffiliated with either group, said they plan to hold a rally during the mid-day class break in a courtyard outside of the center's office in Dewing Hall.

Eight CISPES members who carried signs and distributed leaflets outside the WMU Placement Services office Wednesday said they oppose the CIA's presence on campuses.

"We're spreading information about what your tax dollars are doing," said Donald Koelb, a WMU graduate student. "The current administration is repeating past errors. We can't influence in-

Protesters fail to bar CIA recruiter at 'K'

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Dr. David Breneman (right) speaks with protesters at Dewing Hall.

ternal change in El Salvador or Nicaragua by arming people who have blood on their hands."

WMU officials said Wednesday's protest did not interfere with recruitment activity.

A CIA spokesman, who said such demonstrations have become rare in recent years, said they have never interfered with recruiting activity.

Thomas Francis, associate director of the career development center, said the recruiter will interview about a dozen students.

He said this is the CIA's first visit to the school in at least nine years.

James Wilson-Garrison, Lutheran campus pastor for both WMU and K-College and staff adviser to the WMU chapter of CISPES, said that demonstrators want to send a message to the CIA.

"This is a symbolic act," Wilson-Garrison said, "instead of letting the CIA go its murderous way in Central America. (We want) to confront their activities here even if we can't down there."